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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2000, please consider the following remarks. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507.

Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as disclosed by U.S. Patent No. 5,965,353 to Middledorp. Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as disclosed by WO 94/06912 to Middledorp.

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The Office Action states that the undersigned has "failed to address the portions of the rejection under §102(b) over Middeldorp which involved anticipation of Applicant's peptide SEQ ID NO:24, specifically with respect to SEQ ID NO:6 of Middeldorp.

As previously noted, claims 27 and 28 were amended to more clearly define the peptide as including up to about 40 amino acids, of the portion containing the defined epitopes.

The Middledorf PCT discloses Eppstein Barr virus peptides for use as methods for detecting antibodies to Eppstein Barr (not antibodies to human self-antigens which are also cross-reactive with Eppstein Barr viral proteins). Sequence ID No. 1 includes more than 120 amino acids, so it is clearly not encompassed by, nor anticipated by, claims 27 and 28 as amended.

Applicant's sequence is: PRO GLY ALA ILE GLU GLN GLY PRO ALA (SEQ ID NO:24)

Middeldorp's sequence is: PRO ASP VAL PRO PRO GLY ALA ILE GLU GLN GLY PRO (SEQ ID NO:6)

These are not the same. There is certainly overlap, but §102 requires that they be the same. Middeldorp's sequence includes additional sequence at the beginning of the peptide, and Applicant's sequence includes additional sequence at the end of the peptide. Because Applicant's sequence requires an amino acid that is not present in Middeldorp's sequence, even if Applicant's sequence included additional amino acids (i.e., were a longer peptide as defined by the claim, so as to encompass the additional amino acids in the beginning of Middeldorp's peptide), it still would be different from Middledorp's peptide, which simply does not require an alanine at the end.

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Allowance of all claims 27-40, as amended, is earnestly solicited. All claims as pending upon entry of this amendment are attached in an appendix for the convenience of the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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